

APPENDIX 4

**KEY ASSUMPTIONS USED IN PROJECTED
RESOURCES, EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2019-23**

Factor	Assumption
Resources	
Council Tax base	Variable depending on projected additional properties.
Council Tax	2.99% increase in 2019/20 year and then a 2.99% increase in 2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23.
Council Tax collection	99% collected
Government Grants	Government grants for 2019-20 as indicated in settlement and indicative figures for 2020/21 – 2022/23.
	Increase in Business Rates Scheme and Top Up Grant of 2.2% 2019/20 and 2% thereafter (projected CPI).
	Reduction in Revenue Support Grant of 44% in 2019/20 & 13% in 2020/21.
Expenditure	
Pay inflation	2019-20 2% and assimilation to national scheme and thereafter 2%.
Price inflation	Only contractual inflation on running costs
Local Government Pension Scheme	Stepped Employers contributions of 16.8% in 2019/20 and thereafter plus a lump sum payment to pension fund for Past Service Deficit in 2019/20.
Financing Costs	
Interest rates payable	Average rate on existing debt 2019-20, 3.60%; 2020-21, 3.63%; 2021-22, 3.68%; 2022-23, 3.71%.
Interest rates payable on new debt – 10 year rate	2019/20, 2.70%; 2020/21, 2.98%; 2021/22, 3.18%; 2022/23, 3.20%.
Interest rates receivable	2019/20, 1.00%; 2020/21, 1.25%; 2021/22, 1.50%; 2022/23, 1.75%.
Income	
Inflationary increases	Various based on individual service considerations